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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Andhra Pradesh Forest Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), formerly Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 – Imposition of penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year" on Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.) - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.62 **Dated:07.10.2021**

Read the following:

1) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.36179/2005/K-II/1, dated 07.03.2012.
2) Memo.No.4801/For.IV/A1/2005-4, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 26.02.2016.
3) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Lr.Ref.No.36179/2005/A&DC-1, dated 12.01.2017.
4) Govt. Lr.No.4801/For.IV/A1/2005-8, dated 24.08.2021.
5) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.455/DC & C/2021, dated 21.09.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has informed that based on the Vigilance & Enforcement report, the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), formerly Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the Ref.No.36179/2005/PXA3 (i), dated 24.12.2005 under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991:-

> Article: "That he had while working as Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle shown gross neglect of duty and shown lack of supervision on the subordinates working under his control resulted the execution of (5) percolation tank works in Paderu Division were constructed at wrongly selected sites and failed to point out the improper selection of sites during the inspection resulted the entire expenditure of Rs.1,21,753/- incurred on these work is wasteful, further there is an excess payment of Rs.28,161/- in the said amount and improper check-measurement of the works and allowed the staff to make payment and thereby he caused a loss to a tune of Rs.1,21,753/- to the state exchequer".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 12.02.2006. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad appointed the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HRD), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division as Presenting Officer vide Rc.No.36179/2005/PXA-3 (i) & (ii), dated 19.12.2009 & 10.02.2010 respectively, for conducting the regular inquiry.

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3. The Inquiry Officer & Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HRD) has completed the inquiry and submitted findings vide Ref.No.36179/2005-P3, dated 09.03.2010, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the charge leveled against the Charged Officer is proved, only to the extent of neglect of duty, lack of supervision of the works and for not giving suitable guidance in selection of proper site for the percolation tanks. The Inquiry Officer further held that the Charged Officer cannot be made responsible for the wasteful expenditure.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer in Rc.No.36179/2005/K3, dated 25.03.2010. The Charged Officer acknowledged the final notice and submitted his further defence statement on 18.06.2010.

5. Since the Charged Officer has retired from the Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the entire matter, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of (1) one year", against the Charged Officer Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), formerly Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle. Accordingly, in the Memo., 2nd read above a show-cause notice was issued to the retired Charged Officer while indicating the quantum of above said penalty, through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

7. In the reference 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF has furnished the postal dated acknowledgement in token receipt of show cause notice on 15.06.2016 by Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Sub-DFO (Retd.) and the Charged Officer did not submit any further defence statement within stipulated time.

8. After careful examination of the entire issue, the Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose a penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year", against Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), formerly Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle. Accordingly, in the letter 4th read above, The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has been requested to obtain the concurrence of the Commission on the proposed penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period one (1) year against Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), formerly Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle.

9. In the letter 5th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, has informed that Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose a penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year", against Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), formerly Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle and advised accordingly.

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10. Government have examined the entire matter carefully and it has been decided to impose a penalty of **"2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of (1) one year"**, against Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.). Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of **"2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of (1) one year"**, against Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), formerly Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIJAY KUMAR G.Srkr
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), formerly Sub Divisional Forest Officer, Araku of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi. (copy sent
The PS to M (Energy, EFS & T).
The PS to Secretary to Government, E.F.S. & T. Department. through e-office on 08/1
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SECTION OFFICER